MR. VAN GRIP'S FORTUNE.

In 1840 Mr. Van Grip purchased from 477,142.85? the Van Snort estate a lot of land fronting on Broadway, below Fulton street, cost \$100,000 and created no little stir call it 114. and gossip in New York in those days. Gracious, goodness me, what an enterit in their news columns, the Bugle and | Grip was! Bladder treated the subject editorially It warms the cockles of my heart to York were blessed with more men like dered. him. Enterprise and public spirit were | Pondering over these figures an idea not Mr. Van Grip's only virtues. He occurred to me, and as I am not one of was a religious, God-fearing gentleman, those who keep their light under a a loving husband, a good father, a bushel, I give it to the readers of The thorough business man who was not too Standard. It is this: The sole object proud to look after his own affairs, of life nowadays is money. Granted. which he always kept in the straightest | There are over 50,000,000 human beings order, keeping accurate accounts of all in these United States at the present his transactions so that at any moment writing. Now, suppose that one-fifth he could tell exactly how he stood with of these are able-bodied men (which respect to any particular one of them; they are not, but we will suppose so), in short, he was a model man-a man to engaged in a terribly earnest pursuit of be looked up to and copied.

hunger and rags to many and riches, Mr. Van Grip and 114 incapable nobodies. plenty and fine linen to a few. The Now let us figure out that and see what civil war broke out, and thousands of it comes to: hot-headed patriots left home and kindred to sacrifice their lives on the altar issue, but in this case he was satisfied referred to-money. to appear by proxy. So he hired an agent to represent him at the "front." and remained at home himself to look

was one of her representative men. guage of the eminent divine who offl- rub. Perhaps some reader of The Standciated at the funeral services, "uni- ard may devise a mode of obviating this versally regretted," and was peacefully little difficulty. laid to rest in the family plot, where a Some men are curious animals. I rehandsome marble shaftrecords his many lated the facts above written to my virtues for the edification of future gen- friend Pete Drudger, and instead of ap-

building (now an old one) on Broadway he metaphorically tore that respectwere sold in partition proceedings for able gentleman's memory to tatters, the snug little sum of \$350,000. I have said he never did an nonest day's work incidentally remarked above that Mr. in his life, said he was nothing but a Van Grip kept accurate accounts of all bloated spider who lay idly in his hole, his transactions, and I here take the lib- and watched an opportunity to prey uperty of glancing at the accounts relative on the poor nobodies, said that the to this particular one, not to satisfy any \$1,557,142.85 of right belonged to the 114 morbid curiosity, but simply with a view | nobodies I spoke of, then branched off of learning a lesson from the enterprise | into some nonsense about "unearned inand public spirit of the exemplary gen- crement," or some such stuff, and finally

every "i" is detted and every "t" is choking and drowning could, by any appreciated by the sex we can not say. crossed, and it is most beautifully ruled possible means, be carried into execu- Walking is not usually a favorite pastime tered payments for taxes, water rates, had never known a more incapable no- classes. The "strong-minded," perhaps. insurance, repairs, etc., and interest at | body than I am; whereupon I left him. | will not admit the fact, but the inferthe legal rate on the \$125,000 invested; There is no use in trying to reason with and on the credit side appear the such men. amounts of rent received. For the first three years (1841-3) the debit and credit sales of the accounts exactly balance. During the following seven years asking me to renew his lease, on the the forty-six years being \$51,000.

Now let us work out two little probprofit on this little transaction was \$276,-000. Of course, I have not taken into consideration interest on the surplus of receipts over disbursements which accrued annually from 1844 to 1886, and of which surplus Mr. Van Grip was sufficiently enterprising and public spirited to take appropriate advantage.

Two hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars! Phew! To think of it makes my head swim. What genius! What enterprise! What public spirit! Compare this with the puny efforts of twenty pigmy contemporaries of Mr. Van Grip. Those twenty clods of humanity started in the race with him. the twenty years \$210,000, which these

twenty marched off to the "front," from which six of them returned alive to resume their drudging and delving. For the next twenty-two years best for me in this best of all possible those six nobodies was \$66,000, or \$500 yearly a man. This they likewise spent as fast as they earned it, in riotous living and pampering of the flesh. And then those six nobodies died and were able graves, whereon not as much as a wooden stake is placed to remind the passer-by that such pigmies lived.

Here we have the bright example of one enterprising, public-spirited gentleman, earning and saving on one of his transactions as much as twenty nobodies earned and soandered. Just think

We have said one of his transactions, for this was only one of a number of like ones in which Mr. Van Grip had been engaged during those forty-six years. When that worthy gentleman died his estate was found to be worth over \$2,000,000-"all in realty," as the lawyers expressed it. Any reader of the The Standard, if he wishes to form a fair estimate of the enterprise and public spirit of this great man, can do so, approximately at least, by working out a little problem in the rule of three. For instance, suppose the

350,000: 2,000,000: : 276,000. Multiply our second term by our third of the Indus .- Progress and Poverty. and divide the product by our first. There you are, sir, \$1,577,142.85; that is

SINGLE TAX DEPARTMENT. forty-six years to earn \$276,000, how many nobodies, working under sincilar circumstances and conditions and for a similar period, will it take to earn \$1,-

276,000: 1,577,142.53:: 20. Multiply our second term by our third for \$25,000. An old building stood on and divide the product by our first. Anthe lot at that time, and Mr. Van Grip swer 114 78857-276,000 nobodies. A frachad it torn down and a new building tion of a nobody does not amount to erected in its stead. The new building much, so will discard the fraction and

Besides giving a minute description of prising, public-spirited man Mr. Van

and in glowing terms praised the enter- contemplate him. Just think of it. He prise and public spirit of Mr. Van Grip, earned and saved more than 114 of the and wound up with a wish that New ordinary run of men earned and squan-

that object, and suppose again that in Years rolled by, bringing poverty, every 115 of these 10,000,000 there is one

115 : 10,000,000 : : 1 : Proceed as we have done above and of freedom. Hitherto it had been a cast | we find that there are 86956 12-23 Mr. iron rule with Mr. Van Grip to personal- | Van Grips and 9,913,043 11-23 incapable ly represent himself on all occasions nobodies who are unwilling or unable to where matters of any moment were at accomplish any thing toward the object

Now I have come to the idea. Listen: Let those 9,913,043 11-23 incapable nobodies be quietly choked, or burned, or, after the interests of society and to see perhaps, it would be cheaper to dump that the business of the metropolis was them into the sea, and then after that carried on in a ship-shape manner. The has been done let us strangle all the norublic weal demanded this, and, as Mr. | body infants as fast as they appear and Van Grip was a heavy tax-payer, the save and carefully raise the Van Grip city could not very well spare him. He infants; if-but, hang it, here comes this terrible "if!" How are we to recog-In 1886 Mr. Van Grip died, in the lan- nize the Van Grip infants? There's the

preciating the enterprise and public Early in 1887 the lot of land and the spirit of Mr. Van Grip as they deserve, wound up by calling me a fool, and said The account is written in a neathand, that if my "idiotic idea" about burning, it, but to what extent this privilege is

> A London Landlord's Soliloquy. London Echo.

"Hah! A letter from Jones, the grocer,

(1844-50) the credits exceed the debits ground that he has built up a business by \$5,500; from 1851 to 1860 the excess of after great expenditure and years of credits over debits is \$11,000; from 1861 work, and will be ruined if I don't allow to 1870 this excess amounts to \$12,500; him to remain where he is. Jones is an from 1871 to 1880 the excess amounts up imperfectly informed person. He imto \$14,000; and from 1881 to 1886, inclu- agines I exist for him, whereas Jones, sive, it is \$8,000; the grand total of ex- like all his neighbors—those living in cess of rents over and above payments the streets which belong to me, and for taxes, insurance, water rates, re- those living in other streets as well, pairs, etc., and the amounts which Mr. | throughout this wast metropolis-all Van Grip allowed himself for interest exist and toil and think for me. Ha! on the principal sum invested during ha! ha! Just think of it; I own squares, and streets, and terraces, and draw a splendid and princely income from themlems, one in subtraction and the other | And I not only get my rents regularly in addition. From the price at which paid, and see houses which were built the property was sold in 1887, namely, on ground that I fortunately refused to \$350,000, deduct the cost price, namely, sell and would only let-like my \$125,000, and there remains \$225,000, to ancestors, wise men-on short which add \$51,000, and we find the net leases, gradually falling into my hands, becoming my own, to be let at high and increasing rents, but I see all London toiling to make me richer, and consequently more powerful and-happier.

What a delightful thought it is!

"Not a merchant, who increases the wealth and trade of this great metropolis; not a workman, who adds to its industrial product; not an author, or writer, or scientific man that adds to its reputation; not a builder, not a father of an increasing family, but puts gold into my pocket by augmenting the value of my land and houses. I toil not, neither do I spin. Why should I when all the world around is toiling and spinning for They drudged and delved for twenty me? My gifts even-they are not great, years (1840-60), and as the result of their for I invest all I can in real property, so drudging and delving averaged 8525 a that those who follow me may have even year per man, they all earning during greater wealth and power than myselfgood-for-nothing fellows squandered sition. If I beautify a street, or give a fast as they earned it site upon which a handsome church or war broke out and the whole chapel can be built, or subscribe to imperial institutes or South Kensington improvements, do I not still benefit myself? Every thing works for the (1865-86) the total amount earned by worlds. The brains, sinews, energies, inventions of all mankind are mine in a peculiar sense. I not only profit by them as other people do, but they all tend to one end-the increasing value of my property. So that while the toilers buried out of sight and into their miser- and moilers—even the most socialistic and democratic-think they are benefiting themselves, I am taking toll of every blow they strike and every work they do. Gradually this enables me to make stronger the golden chain-the strongest and perhaps-well, the cruelest-with which I and my fellow landlords and plutocrats bind society, even down to its lowest stratum; reinforcing its links, lengthening its extent, increasing its repressive influence. For, after all, who can estimate the power of gold, in politics, in society, in religion. in administration-of gold when it con-

be the characteristic of one for whom earnings of Mr. Van Gripover and above those of ordinary men for those fortysix years to form a like proportion of belongs, to him belong the fruits of it," the \$2,000,000 to that which they actual- is a truth that becomes more and more ly did of the \$350,000, we can find out in apparent as population becomes denser a jiffy how much his entire earnings and invention and improvement add to during that period amount to Let us productive power; but it is everywhere a truth-as much in our new States, as in the British Islands or by the banks

sists of millions, and can be used, it

need be, to hold down and fetter? Yes.

Jones is an ill-instructed person if he

imagines I have any part or lot with

him. He may be ruined, but even then

he will benefit me. I can not attend to

his petition, for weakness must never

THE tax on land values is the only There you are, sir, \$1,577,142.85; that is tax of any importance that does not distribute itself. It falls upon the owners earnings during the forty-six years. of land, and there is no way in which Again, if it takes twenty nobodies in they can shift the burden upon any one uncertain circumstances and conditions | else. - Progress and Poverty.

An important feature in immigration into Manitoba during 1890 was the influx of settlers from Dakota. A number drive across the international boundary into the Canadian Northwest, all along the frontier, being anxious to share in marvelously productive country.



Quite a number of families will move from Ontario to Grenfell, and other points in Eastern Assiniboia early in

Since September last twenty-seven families have left Michigan and secured new homes in Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest.

A short time ago a caravan of five wagons bearing the families and household effects of a number of French settlers passed through Morden, Manitoba, on their way to new homes near Carman, Manitoba. These settlers had driven all the way from Kansas.

Mr. F. Burnett, of Craiglea, Manitoba, lately sold 300 acres of land to two Canadians who eight years ago emigrated to Dakota, but who have now decided to locate in Manitoba, being satisfied that the Canadian country offers the best

Every indication points to an immensely increased settlement in the Canadian Northwest next season. The manifold advantages of the country are now better understood and practical farmers and others anxious to better their conditions in life are turning to the Canadian Northwest.

WOMEN'S CLUBS IN LONDON.

Where Feminine Pleasure Seckers Go for Amusement.

Perhaps the most notable point about women's amusements in London is that they are so completely unorganized in the form of clubs or societies, says an exchange. For instance, there are numbers of ladies who can play a really good game of whist, but there is not a feminine whist club, nor are there trieveling touring societies, after the fashion of men. The latter, however, will certainly be formed before long, and, well managed, might be a great success. The Rambling Club of the People's Palace allows female members to join ence to be drawn from this dissociation with women alone for sport and pleasure is that more rest, relaxation and amusement can be obtained by participating informally with men in their sports. Men's clubs for tennis, or whatever game it may be, imply a devotion of skill. For women's clubs to succeed the same love and aim would be necessary. The domestic claims made upon their time preclude this, and so they prefer, as a rule, to remain unfettered by club laws and regulations.-N. Y.

If It Could Only Talk.

In the window of the little old-fashicned clock store on Third avenue, New York, stand the solid brass works of a clock that was made by E. Luke in London, England, repaired by F. C. H. in the year 1797, and repaired the second time in New York in 1830. No other name or date appears on the movements, and while the time of its original construction is unknown, the clouds arising from a diseased liver. clock has been ticking for more than a century. The original case and dial plate have disappeared, but the works are contained between two plates of brass, and the one at the back is quaintly graved with the figure of a funeral urn and a large number of flourishes. If the pendulum that does the ticking my case incurable -R. L. Thomas, Norfolk, the pendulum that does the ticking could speak, the story of all that it has heard and witnessed in its travels would make delightful reading, and its history of old New York-the little cluster of houses below Great Jones street that made up the metropolis sixty or seventy years ago-would charm the antiquarians .- Chicago Her-

-The "point of honor" can often be made to produce, by means of vanity, as many good deeds as virtue. - Talley-

-Almost every Christian can find what he considers errors in the ideas,

-Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is

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life and conduct of others.-Pomerov.

too honest too succeed. THE MARKETS.

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